

HOUSE RESOLUTION 317
By Rinks

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Reverend James Rual Chalk of Morris Chapel.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Reverend James Rual Chalk; and

WHEREAS, Reverend James Chalk was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Chalk served with acumen and alacrity as an Owner and Operator of a general merchandise store in Morris Chapel, a Maintenance Supervisor for the Hardin County Board of Education, and an Employee at the Tennessee Valley Authority, in which positions he earned the respect of his colleagues and members of the community for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, devoting his life in faithful service to the Lord, Reverend Chalk was an ordained minister in the United Pentecostal Church for more than fifty years; and

WHEREAS, James Chalk served as a Pastor at the Milledgeville United Pentecostal Church, the Sardis United Pentecostal Church, the Lexington Pentecostal Church, and the Morris Chapel United Pentecostal Church; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Chalk and his second wife, the late Lois Chalk, hosted a television show, "J.R. and Lois Chalk's Happy Gospel Hour," on Channel 18 for several years, spreading the good news and proclaiming Christ's love across Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, donating his time and many talents to numerous noteworthy organizations and activities, Reverend Chalk served as a Member of the Hardin County School Board; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family, James Chalk always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Chalk was preceded in death by his first wife, Vida Kennedy Chalk; his second wife, Lois Grisham Turner Chalk; his parents, John P. and Mary Julia “Mamie” Chalk; and his sister, Irene Howard; and

WHEREAS, James Chalk is survived by his third wife, Evelyn Johnson Chalk; two daughters, Nell Harrison and husband Glenn, and Diane Weaver and husband Buster; one brother, Bonnie Chalk and wife Addie; four grandchildren, Tom Harrison, James Weaver and wife Frannie, Jana Bess and husband Todd, and Ann Bowlds and husband Clifton; two step children, Rosa Provencia and Patricia Funk; and eight great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, James Chalk epitomized the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to family that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Chalk leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of James Rual Chalk, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Reverend Chalk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.